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The following is a history of the "Horner Family" (so far as I can learn), from the advent of David Horner (my Grandfather) and his brother, Robert, from the County Antrim, Ireland, to America -- about the year 1760:

Written by John Horner, son of Alexander Horner. My age now is 72 years (1874).

David Horner and his brother, Robert, settled in Mt. Joy Township, York County, (now Adams county), Pennsylvania, about the year 1764. David married a Miss Love about that time. He died about the year 1804. He had seven sons, namely: Alexander, James, Robert, David, William, Andrew and John. Also two daughters, Margaret and Polly.

Alexander married a Miss McAllen, and settled, first, in Mt. Joy Township in the year 1795, and moved to Cumberland Township in the year 1803. He died June 12, 1831 in his 67th year. His wife died 1806. They had six children, namely: Eli, born February, 1796; Eliza Love, born February, 1798; Abner, born 1800; John born July, 1802; Silas Miles, born 1804; Sina Bole, born 1806. His wife died, and in the year 1809, he married a Mrs. Sarah Marshall. She died in the year 1845, and left four children: George Washington, Mary Jane, David Withrow, and Alexander Love.

Eli, the oldest of the above-named children, married Miss Maria KcKee in the year 1821. They settled first in Mt. Joy Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. His wife died in the year 1822, leaving one son who died a year or two after. In 1822 Eli moved to Cumberland Township. In 1824 he married a Miss Jane Dunwiddie. They had four children, namely: Newton, who married Miss Caroline Waybright -- Maria, who married to Ross Smith White; Harriett, who was married to Smith Barr; and Jane, who was married to Robert McIlhenny. Eli's second wife died, and he again married -- this time, a Miss Sophia Agnew, of Emmettsburg, Maryland. She is the mother of three children, namely: Louise, Lucinda and Mary. He and his wife and their daughters are at present living near Emmettsburg, Maryland.

Eliza intermarried with John Harper in the year 1817 or 1818. They moved to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in the same year. In 1830 they moved to Darke County, Ohio, where Mr. Harper died, the same year, leaving five children -- James, the oldest, who settled in North Carolina, and was a Representative in Congress in 1872 and 1873.

Jane, second daughter, was married to Washington McKee. He died about the year 1860. They had two children (daughters). The second daughter, Mary Ann, was married to Franklin McKee. He died some years ago in Indiana, leaving three daughters.

Elizabeth married Mr. Isaac Hays. They live in Indianapolis, Ind. They have one son and daughter. Margaret married Charley Naylor. They live in Gettysburg, Ohio. Have two daughters and one son -- Lulu, Estella and John.

Alexander married a Miss Ford. He died some years ago. They had one son and a daughter.

Eliza Harper, my sister, after living a widow 2 years, married Esq. James Auld. They are now living in Gettysburg, Ohio.

Bro. Abner was drowned in Marsh Creek when about five years of age.

John (the writer) married Miss Jane Citherow, of Maryland, in January, 1828; settled in Mt. Joy Township, Adams County, Pa. same year. My wife died June, 1866. I lived at above named place until 1867. (He raised Co. E. of Cole's Battalion, Maryland Cavalry, and served as its Captain in 1861 - 2.-- D.M. Horner.) We had ten children: Sarah Margaret, born January 5, 1829. She married Jas. McGaughey in 1860. They lived on a farm near Fairfield, Pennsylvania, two years, when James McGaughey died. They had one child, Mary Jane. Margaret afterwards married Thomas McAllen, of Path Valley, Franklin Co. They had four children, two sons and two daughters. Both sons and one daughter (Bertie is living) died under six years of age. They still live in Path Valley.

Jane Amanda, born November 22, 1830. She married A. C. Tyner, of Path Valley. They have a son (John) and a daughter (Laura). They live in Emmettsburg, Pa.

William A. born January 7, 1823. He served three years as First Lieut. in Co. C, Cole's Bat., Md. Cavalry; was married to Miss Belle McGonigal, of Concord, Pa. in 1873. They are now living in Belle Plains, Kansas.

Silas Mc., born January 1, 1845. He volunteered in Cole's Cavalry in 1862, and served until the close of the war. He married Miss Lizzie Gault, of Tawneytown, Md., and is now living on a farm in Mr. Joy Township, Adams Co., Pa. They have two children, Mary and Addie.

John Ross, born January 12, 1837. He enlisted in Co. K, 47th N. Y. regiment in 1861; served as First Lieut., and was killed in 1862 at the second Bull Run battle. (I brought his body home, and it now lies in the National cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa.)

Annie E., Born May 9, 1839; married Jas. Harvey Cobean, near Gettysburg, Pa. where they still live. Had four children; two died in infancy; two are living -- Emma and Charles.

D. Witherow, born March 19, 1842. Volunteered in Co. E, 21st regt. Pennsylvania cavalry, and served to the close of the war; was wounded five days before Lee's surrender, and was confined in the hospital at Washington for four months. Went to Kansas in 1878, where he still resides.

Eli Grier, born March 17, 1844. Died at the age of three years.

Mary C. born March 22, 1846. She married Theo. B. McAllister in 1868. They have two sons, John Horner and James Alexander. (1883 will record the names of four more younger children -- Lulie, Franklin, Maggie and J. Garfield -- D. W. H.)

Charles Finley, born April 28, 1849. Went to Kansas in 1870. Now lives in Belle Plaine, Kansas.

Silas Miles, (my brother), was married to Elizabeth McAllister. She died in 1865. They had two daughters and one son. Adeline, the oldest, married Washington Hankey. They live in Adams County, Pa. Margaretha married Noah Miller, and they have several children. Their son, Silas McAllister, lives with his father on the old homestead of our grandfathers.

My sister Saina died when 16 years of age.

Washington (my half-brother) married Miss McCullough. They moved to Virginia in 1850, and Washington died there. They had five or six sons, who still live there. Eaton, the oldest, died in the harvest field; Franklin, Alexander, Edward and others. (Calvin Robert, Quincey George, and a daughter that died in her infancy.--- D.W.H.)

David, my half-brother, lives on the old homestead of my father. He married a Miss Susan Robinson, of Carroll county, Maryland, and they had four sons and four daughters--

- the oldest, -Maf. O. Alexander, married the Rev. Mr. Crier's daughter, of Emmettsburg, Md. She died a few years after, leaving one child. He is now postmaster in Emmettsburg, and the other sons' names are Theodore, Winfield and Eltherow. The daughters' names are Virginia, Annie and Caroline and Felle.

Alexander, my half-brother, married Miss Louise Agnew, of Emmettsburg, Md., in 1850. She died some 14 or 15 years ago. They had one son (John) and two daughters, Elia and Grace, who live with their father, near Emmettsburg, Md. He married the second time to a Miss Thompson Robinson, a sister of Bro. David's wife. She had two children, Oliver and Mary.

Mary Jane, my half-sister, married Mr. Samuel Lurborah, Esq., of Adams county. He represented this county two terms in the state legislature. She had four children. Sarah, the oldest daughter, married Joseph Coshun. They have sons and daughters. Newton, the only son, married a Miss Conover. Lizzie and Martha, the other children, were twins. Martha died at the age of 20 years. Lizzie married George Hartman. This ends my father's family.

My uncle, James Horner, and his family, I will next make a record of: He married a Miss McAllister. The oldest son, Alexander, married a Miss McKee. After his family was well grown he went to Darke county, O. He (Alexander) was married a second time. This lady's name was Miss Ann Thompson. They had no children. Alexander died in 1873, aged 20 years. Two of his sons, by first wife, live in Darke county, Ohio, and also two daughters -- one married to J. Stultz and the other to a Mr. Brown. I forgot to say that Uncle James married twice, the second time to a Miss McGurgen. They had two sons--one of them (Robert) lives in Ohio, and the other in Missouri.

David, second son of James, married his cousin, Miss Stewart. They moved to Franklin county, Pennsylvania. He was thrown from a buggy and killed, perhaps 30 years ago. I only know of two sons -- William and David. David moved to Illinois and died there. There is one daughter, living, and she is married to James Scott of Chambersburg, Pa. Charlott, another daughter, married a Mr. King. Both she and her husband

are dead, leaving no children. David married a second time, to a widow Walker. I know nothing of their family.

John, son of James went west. I am unacquainted with his descendants.

James, son of Uncle James, married a Miss Puncan, of Franklin county, Pa. He died there, at perhaps the age of 50 years. They had no children. His wife lives in Chambersburg now.

Andrew, son of Uncle James Horner, has a family. I think they live in Illinois. I know but little of their family.

Eaton, son of Uncle Jas. Horner, went with the Mormons-- lost to us of course.

James Horner's oldest daughter died when a young woman.

Folly married James McGaughey, they moved to Franklin county, Pa. He died there perhaps 26 or 27 years ago. They had three sons, William, David and James, and one daughter, Margaret. William married a Miss Walker and they moved to Illinois.

David married a Miss Burns. He died about the year 1849. James married Margaret Horner (daughter of the writer.)

(They had one child, Mary Jane; she married Dr. Alexander of Fannettsburg, Franklin county, Pa. They have three sons, Newton, Franklin and ----) by L. H.

Margaret, their daughter, married Mathew Gordon, of Franklin county, Pa. They had several sons and daughters. Their mother, Mrs. McGaughey, is living in Waynesboro, Pa. He is about 74 or 75 years old.

James Horner married the second time to Mrs. McAllen. They had one daughter, Eliza:

I now come to Uncle Robert Horner. He married a Miss Heagy. They lived in Gettysburg. He died in 1825 or '29. He had two sons, David and John. David studied and practiced medicine in Gettysburg. He died about 1860. He had two sons Charles and Robert. Both are practicing medicine in Gettysburg. (Charles married Miss Arnold of Gettysburg and Robert married a Mrs. Radybaugh.)

John was engaged in the furnace business about Pottsville, Pa.

Robert had several daughters. I do not remember all their names. Margaret married John Clark, they live in Mo. One married Perry Odell, they are both dead. One married Mr. Spottswood. I think they live in Carlisle, Pa.

Uncle David Horner married Miss James Williams. He died in Gettysburg Pa., I think in 1822 or '29. His wife lived quite a number of years after him. He also died in Gettysburg, Pa., leaving no children.

Next comes Uncle Wm. Horner. I do not know who he married. His wife died many years ago. They had five sons and two daughters by his first wife. He was married the second time. The oldest was James. He married Miss Sarah McCreary, of Gettysburg. They had a son, Hewton and 6 daughters, Maria, Harriet, Martha, Sarah, Florence and Agnes. James Died in Gettysburg, of paralysis, aged about 70 years.

E. Rose Horner, William's son, married Miss Mary Wilson about 1830. Has been living in Baltimore for years. They had three sons, Wilson, Harrison and Oliver and two daughters, Agnes and Amanda. Wilson married in Baltimore, and died there ten years ago. Harrison and Oliver are both married and living in Baltimore. Rose's wife died and he married again. He is about 72 years old.

David married and went west forty years ago; he raised a family; he is dead now.

William Horner, son of William, married a Miss Argelos. They had children. She died and he married again. They now live in Baltimore.

Alexander was also married twice; first to Miss Newman and second to Miss Bennett. I know nothing of their family.

I forgot to state that uncle William had 2 daughters by his first wife; Martha, who married Andrew Dougy, and Polly who married James Auld. They are both dead; also that his wife was Miss Betsey Wilson. They had several sons, Franklin, John, Wilson, Washington, Eaton and others; also 2 daughters; Jane, who married Mr. Wagoner and Amanda, who married a Mr. Fraable. She is a widow and lives in Baltimore.

Uncle Andrew Horner married a Miss Margaret Marshall in 1821, (she was a step daughter of my father's). They settled in Mt. Joy Township. After some years moved on a farm near Emmettsburg, Md. where he died in 1848, of lock jaw, leaving four daughters and one son. The oldest, Mary Jane, married James Thompson; Margaret, Elizabeth and Amanda married three brothers, William, John and James Bigham. Marshall, their brother lives with his oldest sister, their mother lives with her daughter Margaret, on Mais Creek; she is about 75 years old. Mary Jane has 4 daughters. Margaret and Amanda have sons and daughters; Elizabeth died years ago without any family. The Thompsons and Bighams all live in Adams county.

Next is uncle John Horner, the youngest of grandfather's family. He married Miss Sarah Linn. They lived on the old homestead for some years, then sold it to brother Silas, and moved to Darke Co. Ohio, and settled on a farm. After some years his wife died. Uncle lived until his family was grown up. He had 5 sons and 1 daughter. Samuel, the oldest married a Miss Stewart. They both died soon after.

David, who married a Miss Morrow, died about 1866, in Gettysburg, O. Leaving a son and daughter. The daughter married a Rev. Hill and live in Ind. The mother and son live in Gettysburg.

Calvin, the third son lives in Versailles, O. He has several sons and daughters.

The oldest daughter married Mr. Hartell. They have been living in Wichita, Kans., for ten years and have one son. A Younger sister lives with them. Calvin's sons, Harvey and Henry live in Caldwell, Kans. Harvey married a Miss York of Wichita, Kas. in 1880. Henry married in Versailles, O. Cousin Calvin Horner died Oct. 1892. ---
ly P.V.H.

Washington married a Miss Leck. He and his wife both died some years ago. They left three sons.

Malinda married and went with her husband to Iowa. She died there, leaving a family of children.

I now come to the daughters of David Horner, by my grandfather. Margaret, the oldest, married David Binley; they moved to Virginia, perhaps 75 years ago. They had one son, David. He studied for the ministry and died young.

They had several daughters, the oldest married a minister. There were other daughters whose names I do not remember. Aunt died many years ago.

Aunt Polly, the second daughter, married Archie Itherow. They next went to Rockingham Co., Virginia, perhaps 75 years ago. They had sons, whose names are unknown to me.

Robert Horner, brother of David Horner, as I have already stated, settled in York County, now Adams, Pa. I do not know his wife's maiden name. They had a son William, and a daughter who married James Bell, of Adams Co. Pa. Mrs. Bell had several children, Robert, the oldest, lived to be old and died a bachelor. Their second son, James, married a Miss McIlhenny. They had several children: some of them live in Adams county yet.

Robert Bell raised Co. B. 21st Reg. Pa. Cav., in 1862; served as Captain for six months and was promoted to Maj. and served to the close of the war. Their daughter married James Weaver. They live in Adams Co., also.

Their third son married Miss Saudoe. He has been dead many years, has a son living in this county. 4th son, George, married Miss Tauginbaugh; he died some years ago.

One daughter of old Mrs. Bell's, I forgot to say, married Alexander Campbell. Another daughter married Mr. Woods, of Cumberland county, Pa.

William, son of Robert Horner died in Mt. Joy, Pa. 80 or 90 years ago. Some of his daughters married and moved to the western part of Pa. Do not know their names.

Almost all the Horners are Presbyterians. -- And D. W. H. will add, nearly all Republicans, also.

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